

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 15, 18, and 21.

Please amend Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, and 22, as follows:

1. (Amended) A communications data processing apparatus, comprising:
reception means for receiving data containing time information;
timer means for starting counting a time starting from time information derived
from the data first received by said reception means;
setting means for setting said time of the timer means late by subtracting a delay
time;
storage means for temporarily storing the data received by said reception means;
judging means for judging from the time information contained in the data
whether [a predetermined time has passed] the time information in the data temporarily
stored in said storage means is later than the time counted by said timer; and
processing means for starting the processing of the data temporarily stored in
said storage means [when said judging means judges that the predetermined time has
passed] if said judging means judges that the time information in the data is later.

4. (Amended) A communications data processing apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the [predetermined] time information is made variable in accordance
with a storage capacity of said storage means.

5. (Amended) A communications data processing apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said reception means receives delay time information, and said judging
means judges whether [the predetermined time represented by] the delay time
information has passed.

6. (Amended) A communications data processing apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the [predetermined] time information is made variable in accordance
with a distance to an access point where the data is received.

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8. (Amended) A communications data processing apparatus, comprising:
reception means for receiving data containing time information;
timer means for starting counting a time starting from time information derived from the data first received by said reception means [and subtracted by a delay time];
adding means for adding a delay time to the time information in the data received by said reception means;
storage means for temporarily storing the data [received by said reception means by adding a delay time to the time information in the data] in which the delay time is added to the time information by said adding means;
judging means for judging whether the time information in the data temporarily stored in said storage means is later than the time counted by said timer means; and
processing means for starting the processing of the data temporarily stored in said storage means if said judging means judges that the time information in the data is later.

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14. (Amended) A communications data processing apparatus, comprising:
a receiver adapted to receive [for receiving] data containing time information;
a timer coupled to said receiver, the timer adapted to start counting a time starting from time information derived from the data first received by said receiver;
a setter coupled to said timer, the setter adapted to set said time of the timer late by subtracting a delay time;
a memory coupled to said receiver for temporarily storing the data received by said receiver;
a judge coupled to said timer and said memory, adapted to judge from the time information contained in the data whether [a predetermined time has passed] the time information in the data temporarily stored in said memory is later than the time counted by said timer; and
a processor coupled to said memory and said judge, the processor adapted to start the processing of the data temporarily stored in said memory [when said judge judges that the predetermined time has passed] if said judge judges that the time information in the data is later.

16. (Amended) A communications data processing apparatus, comprising:
a receiver adapted to receive [for receiving] data containing time information;
a timer coupled to said receiver adapted to start [for starting] counting a time starting from time information derived from the data first received by said receiver [and subtracted by a delay time];

an adder coupled to said receiver adapted to add a delay time to the time information in the data received by said receiver;

a memory coupled to said receiver and said adder, for temporarily storing the data [received by said receiver by adding a delay time to the time information in the data] in which the delay time is added to the time information by said adder;

a judge coupled to said memory and said timer adapted to judge whether the time information in the data temporarily stored in said memory is later than the time counted by said timer; and

a processor coupled to said memory and said judge, the processor adapted to start the processing of the data temporarily stored in said memory if said judge judges that the time information in the data is later.

17. (Amended) A storage medium storing a program to be executed by a computer, the program comprising the steps of:

a) receiving data containing time information;
b) starting counting a reference time starting from time information derived from the data first received as said step a);

c) setting said reference time late by subtracting a delay time;
[b] d) temporarily storing the received data in storage means;
[c] e) judging from the time information contained in the data whether [a predetermined time has passed] the time information in the data temporarily stored in said storage means is later than the reference time; and

[d] f) starting the processing of the data temporarily stored in said storage means [when it is judged that the predetermined time has passed] if it is judged that the time information in the data is later.

19. (Amended) A storage medium storing a program to be executed by a computer, the program comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving data containing time information;
- b) starting counting a reference time starting from time information derived from the data first received at said step a) [and subtracted by a delay time];
- c) adding a delay time to the time information in the data received in said step a);
- [c] d) temporarily storing the data [received at said step a) by adding a delay time to the time information in the data, in storage means] in which the delay time is added to the time information at said step c);
- [d] e) judging whether the time information in the data temporarily stored in said storage means is later than the reference time; and
- [e] f) starting the processing of the data temporarily stored in said storage means if it is judged that the time information in the data is later.

20. (Amended) A communications data processing method comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving data containing time information;
- b) starting counting a reference time starting from time information derived from the data first received at said step a);
- c) setting said reference time late by subtracting a delay time;
- [b] d) temporarily storing the received data in storage means;
- [c] e) judging from the time information contained in the data whether [a predetermined time has passed] the time information in the data temporarily stored in said storage means is later than the reference time; and
- [d] f) starting the processing of the data temporarily stored in said storage means [when it is judged that the predetermined time has passed] if it is judged that the time information in the data is later.

22. (Amended) A communications data processing method comprising the steps of:

a) receiving data containing time information;

b) starting counting a reference time starting from time information derived from the data first received at said step a) [and subtracted by a delay time];

c) adding a delay time to the time information in the data received at said step a);

[c] d) temporarily storing the data [received at said step a) by adding a delay time to the time information in the data, in storage means] in which the delay time is added to the time information at said step c);

[d] e) judging whether the time information in the data temporarily stored in said storage means is later than the reference time; and

[e] f) starting the processing of the data temporarily stored in said storage means if it is judged that the time information in the data is later.